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New ordinance revised, but controversy remains

Two-track system will avoid some reviews, but opponents call ordinance "onerous"

Revisions to a proposed zoning ordinance for Kensington, designed to provide residents with protection against the loss of views, privacy and sunlight when additions or new homes are built, did little to appease opponents.

Kensington residents got a glimpse of the plan to revise the ordinance at the Kensington Property Owners Association meeting May 29.

Supervisor John Gioia has been working with community representatives for two years to write the ordinance, but some fear the ordinance creates an onerous review process for projects and is ill-suited for a community like Kensington that is dense and built-out.

The efforts stem from two projects in recent years that both neighbors and the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council opposed, but failed to stop because, they said, they had no standing under the current law to stop a project because it blocked views.

"What we are trying to do," said super-

visor Gioia, "is balance the rights of property owners to add on to their homes, while also protecting neighbors rights to view, light and air."

The revisions were still being finalized at press time and were expected to be posted on the supervisor's web site by July 1. They were expected to establish a two-track approval system for additions, renovations and new construction.

Under the plan, projects that conform to a designated ratio between the square footage of a structure and the area of the lot it sits on would be able to bypass a review unless a neighbor or the

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council requests one within 34 days of notice of the project. Projects that exceed the square footage-to-area ratio established by the ordinance would be submitted to a formal review process.

A footage-to-area ratio, also known as a "FAR" is a common measure used in many cities. It pro-



Supervisor John Gioia

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photo by Cliff Taylor

Back row (left to right): Nicholas (Nick) Ware, Berkeley High School (Evergreen College); Adam Walukiewicz, El Cerrito High School (UC Berkeley); Kevin Price, Berkeley High School (UC Santa Barbara) Phyllis Jeffrey, Saint Mary's College High (UC Berkeley); Caitlin Hutcherson, Saint Mary's College High (Contra Costa College) **Front row (left to right):** Nicholas "Nick" Osborn, Saint Mary's College High (San Diego State University) Christine Kemp, El Cerrito High School (UC San Diego); Stephen Crooms, Saint Mary's College High School (Columbia University); Tyler Nation, Saint Mary's College High (Marin College); Julie Jones, El Cerrito High School (UC Santa Cruz); Kate Gorman, Saint Mary's College High School (USC); Anjali Shastri, CPS (UC Berkeley); Ariel Gough, El Cerrito High School (UC Santa Cruz).

Class Act: Kensington's 2003 grads make the grade

Kensington's newest crop of high school graduates are cooking up big plans for next year from hitting the books at the nation's top colleges to learning to how to turn a goose liver into a \$30 appetizer at the California Culinary Academy.

Adam Walukiewicz, Phyllis Jeffrey, Anjali Shastri will head down the road to the University of California at Berkeley, but they will find themselves rooting on the opposite side of the stadium from Arran Blattel, who will attend Stanford University, a pretty campus with smart people who use a tree as mascot.

When Stephen Crooms reads

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Effort to use school district's reserves to save counselors, small classes fails as deadline looms

Voters launch recall efforts against Fenton and Harris.

A motion by West Contra Costa Unified School Board trustee Glen Price to dip into the district's reserves to maintain counselors in the district's schools failed to pass as the June 18 meeting as the deadline to complete the budget approached.

The district has struggled during the past five months to eliminate a projected \$14 million deficit from the fiscal 2004 budget. The total budget is expected to be around \$250 million.

The community's growing frustration over the district's inability to find a way to close the budget gap without eliminating counselors or small classes for kindergarten to grade three students deepened at

the June 18 board meeting. Prior to the start of the meeting, trustees Karen Fenton and George Harris III received notification that voters initiated an effort to recall them.

Price and trustee Patricia Player voted to use reserves to ensure the funding of the equivalent of nearly 35 full-time counselors at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million for the year, but trustees Harris, Fenton and Charles Ramsey killed the plan.

Following the meeting, Price said he also expected to enter a similar proposal to maintain class sizes at 20 for kindergarten to grade three, but decided to hold off since the support for using the reserves wasn't there. He said he planned to revisit the issue at a June 24 special meeting after seeing if there was any movement on talks between the district and the United

Teachers of Richmond.

Teachers and parents regularly turned out in large numbers at the board meetings during the past month to plea, sweet-talk, threaten and otherwise convince the board to take counselors and class-size reduction off their list of planned budget cuts. They told the board it must find the solution to their budget woes elsewhere. The refrain heard over and over to the board was "Do the right thing."

Though the elimination of class-size reduction will wipe away nearly \$11.1 million in expenses for the district, it will also take with it about \$9.5 million in state grant money. The net savings from eliminating the 187 teaching jobs associated with raising K-3 class sizes to 31 from 20 amounts to just under \$1.6 million.

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Jessie Jones Dies



Jessie Sinclair Neilson Jones, a long-time Kensington resident known for her generosity to the community, dies at the age of 85.

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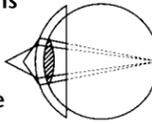
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GRADS: Ready to roll

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Shakespeare at Columbia University in New York, he'll be representing our fair hamlet. But it will be omelettes, not Hamlets, that Laura Yamagata will be studying along with other gastronomic creations at the California Culinary Academy.

Not all of our new grads could make this year's photo, a rite of passage in Kensington. Congratulate them. Wish them well. And be thankful, if you're not their parents, that you won't have to foot the bill that's ahead.

Those not pictured in the photograph include: Laura Yamagata, El Cerrito High School (California Culinary Academy); Alex Caruthers, Bishop O'Dowd High School (Hobert & William Smith College) Elizabetha Matsumoto, Bentley School (University of Pennsylvania); Philip Gantz, El Cerrito High School (undecided); Jack McKnight, El Cerrito High School (Santa Barbara City College); Arran Blattel, El Cerrito High School (Stanford University); Ben Simrin, Berkeley High School (USC); Avidan Yerlick, Berkeley High School (UCLA); David Hobbs, independent study (UC San Diego). Also not pictured were Jame Hong, Ann Levin, Simon Mayali, Nigel Tyler, Sheaneh Sattani, David Hobbs, Lana Tilley, Lena Wu.

Fund-raising effort begun to save music, sports at El Cerrito High School

The El Cerrito Student Activity Fund, concerned about effects of the budget crisis on extra-curricular programs at the high school, launched a direct-mail fund raising campaign.

"We have the bake sales and the books sales and the casino nights, but they don't bring in the revenue we need now to meet all of the demands," said Janet McKnight, a member of the El Cerrito Student Activity board of directors. "We're hoping that the direct appeal is financially more successful."

The appeal, sent to nearly 9,000 people, is an effort to spare extra-curricular programs at the high school from falling victim to budget cuts. In the first four days of the appeal, the group said it raised \$23,000 from 200 donors.

The appeal warns that extra-curricular programs are "in great peril" and will most likely be the "first target of impending cuts."

Programs the group calls "at risk" include all music, sports, the school newspaper and year book, art, dance, photography, debate and the student government.

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Jessie Jones, a long-time force in Kensington life, dies at 85

Jessie Sinclair Neilson Jones, a long-time Kensington resident known for her generosity to the community, died May 20 from complications of emphysema and heart disease. She was 85.

Jones, who often preached to family and neighbors about the importance of giving back to the community, backed her words with action during more than 60 years of involvement with Kensington affairs.

"She used to tell me you have to give back to your community no matter what," said her daughter Carole Thomas. "It was very important to her."

Jones was a founder and past president of the Kensington Property Owners Association. In the wake of Proposition 13, she quickly organized the community to pass assessments that saved Kensington's police and fire departments. At a time when Californians were anxious to unburden themselves from taxes, the assessments passed with overwhelming majorities.

Jones also served as chair of the Bay Area Chapter of United Crusade, president of Kensington Republican Women and an Alta Bates Hospital volunteer.

"She was a feisty old lady who knew Kensington," said Vida Dorrah, financial secretary to the Kensington Community Council. "She was one of the most committed people to this community."

The many anonymous gifts she gave to community groups included a \$10,000 donation to fund the construction on the new tot lot at Kensington Park that opened this year. In conjunction with her donation she sent an appeal to all Kensington residents at her own expense that raised an additional \$10,000 needed to complete the work.

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Jones came to Kensington with her parents in 1936. She had described Kensington at that time as "a big empty hill."

Jones had dreams of becoming a professional singer, but her father didn't consider it an appropriate pursuit. In her early twenties she made a demo record that she gave to him in the hopes of changing his mind, but it was to no avail. He believed woman should marry and have children, not work.

After her father's death, though, she became general manager of the financially troubled family business Berkeley Steel Construction and ran it for about three years. Jones helped turn the business around and sold it in 1972.

Jones is survived by her daughter Carole Thomas, granddaughter Michaela Thomas, sister Fern Brasfield; nieces Cathie Kosel, Janice Kosel, Barbara Brasfield and Jane Whitley; and nephews Roger Kosel, and Thomas Brasfield. Her husband Thomas Lloyd Jones previously died.



Jones made Kensington's new tot lot possible by anonymously donating \$10,000 to the effort and also sending out an appeal to all residents that raised another \$10,000 to build it.

SCHOOLS: Final budget vote set for June 30

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"If we cut too deeply, people will be mad. If we cut not deeply enough, people will be mad. If we cut just right, people will be mad," said school superintendent Gloria Johnston. "There's no way to go through this devastating process and make it positive."

An effort is underway to get a parcel tax on the ballot that could fund the cost of counseling and class-size reduction, but passage will be difficult and could not be in place for next year.

The district's best hope for closing the \$14 million gap without cutting increasing class size in the lower grades or eliminating counselors rests with reaching an agreement with the United Teachers of Richmond.

The union floated a proposal to the district where it would waive a scheduled 2 percent salary increase, but the district rejected that and countered with a more draconian proposal that also included forgoing raises tied to seniority and training and a requirement that the union forever waive the right to grieve or litigate the issue of class-size reduction if it is eliminated in the future.

The union rejected the counter-offer and

some members charged the district was not bargaining in good faith.

A letter sent to community members from superintendent



sign of the times

Johnston said counselors and small classes could be saved, but only if the teachers made the same sacrifices that other district employees agreed to make. Both parents and teachers responded forcefully to the letter charging Johnston with a blatant attempt to divide teachers and parents.

"We were willing to give you the 2 percent - the pound of flesh," one teacher told the board. "Now you want the blood and the guts."

Terri Jackson, president of United Teachers of Richmond said that Johnston's letter was a set-back, but that talks were continuing. "We're back on track now."

Under state law, the district must deliver its budget to the county by July 1. A final vote is scheduled for June 30.

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Friends of the Kensington Library Names President

Meet the New Boss

Debbie Hamati took the reins of the Friends of the Kensington Library from outgoing president Esther Hill at the June meeting.

Hamati has served as vice president of the group, which provides funding for library materials and cultural programs.

The group praised Hill for her leadership. Hill, who recently began a new job and accepted the position of president of the Kensington Education Foundation, stepped down from her post because of increased demands on her time.

The group gave a special commendation guest, Tim Moter. Tim, who runs a mailing business in Berkeley, has coordinated and handled the mailing of all of Friends of Kensington Library's membership newsletters for 25 years. He has given the board guidance and the best service.

More Friends Needs

Even though the Friends of the Kensington Library won't meet again until September 2, preparations for the Fall Sale, the KCC Open House and stocking of the mini-sale

will continue through the summer.

We need volunteers willing to spend an hour or two sorting and pricing books at our Book-Hut behind the library.

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like to assist in this effort, call Friends of Kensington Library board member Larry Sullivan at 524-7970.

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-- John Gossard

Budget cuts ups the ante for Education Foundation

The Kensington Education Foundation, the non-profit group formed to serve the Kensington Hilltop School by funding an enriched curriculum that the school district can't provide, elected Esther Hill as its new president.

Hill, who previously served as vice president of the foundation, takes the helm at a time when the West Contra Costa Unified School District is struggling to identify \$14 million in cuts to its budget for the next fiscal year.

"As the budget becomes tighter they are going to rely on us to provide more," said Hill. "Because of the challenges we are facing we are going to have to enlist the community to help us and be more effective in how we raise money with our parent body."

Also elected to the current board are Debbie Polito, vice president; and Cathy Garza, secretary. Lori Aultman continues as treasurer. New board members include Cheryl Brunetti, Patty Coluse Duval, Nora Hirose and Mark Walstom.

Last year the foundation operated on a \$170,000 budget that was used to pay for science, art, music, and computer classes.

Arlington Community Church looks to feed the hungry

The tempo at Arlington community Church changes little during the summer months.

This United Church of Christ affiliate continues to worship each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. During worship, the children have a Summer Sunday School, which is an activity-filled hour. During July, Pastor Shirlee Bromley will be preaching a series of sermons built around the theme of "Struggle and Hope." In August, there will be a Communion Meditation on the first Sunday of the month. A brief service of quiet meditation and healing is offered each Sunday evening at six o'clock in the Chapel.

The choir will be on vacation during the summer. Guest musicians will be featured

Sunday mornings.

The men of ACC will held their annual Fishing Retreat from July 10th-13th. The Women's Annual Retreat will take place the fourth weekend in August. Fourth Friday Bridge will have its usual meetings.

Volunteers are needed to prepare lunch for the homeless at the Souper Center in Richmond. Each church and synagogue in the area takes turns every day supplying lunch for the 40 men, women, and children who show up hungry. Summer is particularly difficult for the children who normally would be served lunch at school. All are encouraged to join the staff of volunteers in this ongoing task. Call the church office, 526-9146, for more details.

Kensington People In The News

Gabai Ordained as Rabbi

Kensington's Tsipora Gabai, assistant director of the Tehiyah Day School, became ordained as a rabbi. She is believed to be the first Sephardic Moroccan woman to be ordained.

Gabai, 45, became ordained at the end of May after completing a course of study at the Academy for Jewish Religion in Los Angeles.

The daughter of the chief Sephardic Rabbi of Northern Israel, Gabai is the seventh generation of Rabbis in her family. Gabai earned a degree in Bible and Jewish History from the University of Haifa.

Thal Named President of COA

The California Optometric Association elected Lawrence Thal, who practices optometry in Kensington, as its new president.

Thal served on the board of trustees of the association since 1998. Currently he is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and serves as a member and chair of Eye Care West. He served five terms as president of the Kensington Community Services District. Thal teaches optometry at the University of California at Berkeley. He lives in Lafayette with his wife and three daughters.



Debbie Hamati



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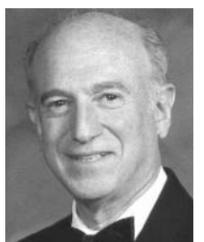
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Day Camp Staff Returns

Director Brian Barfield and Assistant Director Jessica are returning for this year's camp along with head counselor Hayley Strandberg, Andrew Erdmann, Valerie Fike-Rosales, Teddy Firestone, Evan Horowitz and DJ McIntyre. KCC is delighted that they have chosen to work again at its camp.

Fees

Cost for the Kensington Summer Day Camp is \$165 per week with the cost prorated for July 4th week to \$132. This fee covers all transportation costs, snacks, entrance fee, activities and a KCC Summer Camp T-shirt for field trips. Fees must be paid 10 days before each week begins. Children whose fees have not been paid may not attend until fees have been paid to the KCC administrator.

Registration, waiver and emergency forms must be submitted prior to the start of each week. Forms must accompany the appropriate fees.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$25 per child per week requested is required with the application. The \$25 deposit is deducted from the balance due. If a week is full and space is not available, applicants will be notified immediately. We cannot refund fees if a child drops out after a session begins.

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July 7 - July 11

*Special Activities Schedule Cont.

Gymnastics with Judy Baker

Week 5 July 14 - July 18
Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 6 July 21 - July 25
Sports & Games with Tristan Stickel
Week 7 July 28 - August 1
Sports & Games with Tristan Stickel
Week 8 August 4 - August 8
Sports & Games with Tristan Stickel
Week 9 August 11 - August 15
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Week 10 August 18 - August 22

Plus tennis with Alex Brown, three days a week

*FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE:

June 18 The Jungle
June 25 Oakland Zoo
July 2 Scandia
July 9 A's Game
July 16 Jelly Belly Factory
July 23 Discovery Museum
July 30 Fortune Cookie Factory
August 6 Waterworld
August 13 San Francisco Zoo
August 20 Academy of Sciences

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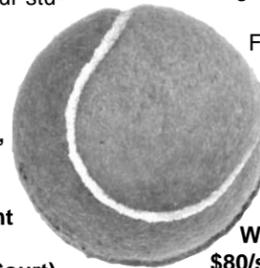
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Kensington Calendar

Tuesday, July 1

Kensington artist Keiko Nelson's work will be on display through July 25 at the Pacific Rim Sculpture Group at 600 Townsend Street in the Design Contract Center in San Francisco.

Thursday, July 3

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Holiday Party: Music by Nan and Ray of Love N' Harmony. Blood pressure by paramedics, German Conversation Group and Therapeutic Massage by Jessica (\$8, 15 min). At 12:15 p.m. indoor potluck picnic. Bring food for 4-6 people, or pay \$3. Info: 526-9146.

Friday, July 4

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Sunday, July 6

Economic Globalization: Kevin Danaher, Founder and Director of Education, Global Exchange, examines how the impact of globalization need not be destructive at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: (510) 525-0302.

Thursday July 10

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Nature: Alan Kaplan presents "The New Kingdom of Life." Morning German Conversation Group. Lunch at 12:15 p.m. \$3. July birthdays celebrated. Info: 526-9146.

Boadecia Books hosts the first Bay Area showing of "Creativity and Passion at the Center: The Lesbians Across the Country Project" by Angela Dawn at 7 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave. Call (510) 559-9184 for more information.

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Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3 of the Kensington Community Center. Call 526-4141 to confirm.

Friday, July 11

Carla Trujillo (editor of Chicana Lesbians and Living Chicana Theory) will read from her novel, "What Night Brings" at 7:30 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave.

Sunday, July 13

Getting to a Better Future: John Renesch, the well-known writer and consultant, brings his large system perspective on the global effects of U.S. capitalism at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: (510) 525-0302.

Tuesday, July 15

Free workshop on "Purchasing a Home in the Bay Area", presented by A.B. Priceman & June McGinnis of Security Pacific Real Estate at 7:30 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave.

Thursday July 17

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Jackie Hetman presents "Australia, I." Morning German Conversation Group. Lunch at 12:15 p.m. \$3. Info: 526-9146.

Sunday, July 20

Water, Public Health, and the World Trade Organization: Joe Brenner and Ellen Schaeffer, Co-Directors of the Centre of Policy Analysis of Trade and Health, discuss privatizing water and the WTO role at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302.

Thursday July 24

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Music: Jeanne Walpole plays the Piano. Morning German conversation Group. At 12:15 salad potluck. Bring food for 4-6 people, or pay \$3. Info: 526-9146.

Friday, July 25

Karin Kallmaker, the Queen of Lesbian Romance, will read from her new novel "Maybe Next Time" at 7:30 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave. Call 559-9184.

Saturday, July 26

Elizabeth Sims will read from her next Lillian Byrd crime story "Damn Straight" at 7:30 p.m. Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave. Call 559-9184.



Sunday, July 27

Author Elizabeth Sims

Economic Inequality: a synthesis of the month's forum's facilitated by Sarv Randhawa at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: (510) 525-0302.

Tuesday, July 29

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call 526-5546 to confirm.

Thursday July 31

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue. Exercise: Jan Stecher leads in Rosen Movement for Seniors. Morning German conversation Group. Lunch at 12:15 p.m. \$3. Info: 526-9146.

Saturday, August 2

Cat Ruiz presents a workshop designed to help poets read their work at open mikes and readings at 6 p.m. Poetry reading with students of the workshop at 7:30 p.m. Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave. Call 559-9184 for more information.

Sunday, Aug 3

From National Security to Human Security: Jackie Cabaso, Co-Founder of Global Network to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons, examines some pressing significant issues role at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302.

Thursday, August 7

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Sunday Aug 10

To Give the People Control of Their Destiny: Author, activist and professor emeritus of Philosophy Lucile Green stresses the power of people, not governments at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302.

Wednesday, August 13

Kensington Fire Protection District will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call 527-8395 to confirm.

Saturday, August 16

Women's Poetry Night & Open Mike featuring poet, Le Pham at 7:30 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Avenue. To read, call Jessy 510-655-1015 for a 5-10 minute slot. info: 559-9184.

Thursday August 14

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington.

Architecture and Design: Virginia Walker presents History of Great American Houses. German Conversation Group. At 12:15 p.m. Lunch \$3. August birthdays celebrated. Info: 526-9146.

Sunday, Aug 17

Disarmageddon: Roger Kotila, Chairman of World Federalist Association and prison clinical psychologist, talks on world government at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302.

Thursday, August 21

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Jackie Hetman presents Australia, II. German Conversation Group. At 12:15 p.m. Lunch \$3. Info: 526-9146.

Sunday, Aug 24 Synthesis of Political

Inequality forums, the conclusion of the third part of summer forums, facilitated by Norbert Bischof at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302.

Tuesday, August 25

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call 526-5546 to confirm.

Wednesday, August 27

Kensington artist Keiko Nelson's work

will be displayed through November 6 in an exhibit called "Revealing Influences" at the Museum of Craft & Folkart, Fort Mason Center, Landmark Building in San Francisco. For information call 415-775-0991.



Artist Keiko Nelson

Thursday, August 28

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Exercise: Jan Stecher leads in Rosen Movement for Seniors. German Conversation Group. At 12:15 p.m. Lunch \$3. Info: 526-9146.

Sunday, Aug 31

Total Synthesis: Putting It All Together: Concluding forum on three part summer series on problems from globalization at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302.

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May 1 - May 8

○A note left on the windshield of a white Toyota on York Ave. complained of the way the car was parked. The owner found the note, along with a flat tire. The author apparently forgot to sign the note.

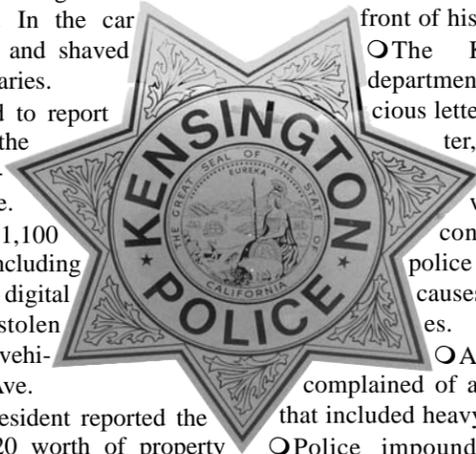
○A 13-year-old male from San Pablo was arrested for driving a car without a license. In the car police found tools and shaved keys used for burglaries.

○Police responded to report of a naked man in the window of an apartment on Colusa Ave.

○An estimated \$1,100 worth of property including a Palm Pilot and digital camera reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Willamette Ave.

○A Camelot Ct. resident reported the theft of about \$320 worth of property including a CD case containing 20 CDs from a parked car in his driveway.

○An Ardmore Rd. resident reported the theft of a 21-speed bicycle valued at \$1,200 from his garage.



May 17 - May 24

○Police arrested a man from Berkeley after stopping him for speeding. The man had a suspended license, gave police a false name and was in possession of a crack pipe.

○A resident on Yale Avenue reported the theft of a \$300, 10-speed bicycle from in front of his home.

○The Kensington Police department forwarded a suspicious letter to the FBI. The letter, purportedly signed by an FBI agent, warned of a secret conspiracy to give police officers a serum that causes them to hear voices.

○A Colgate resident complained of annoying phone calls that included heavy breathing.

○Police impounded an '87 Nissan Sentra after stopping the car during a seat belt enforcement. The driver and passenger failed to produce identification. Police cited the driver.

May 25 - May 31

May 9 - May 16

○A car making a U-Turn on Arlington struck a parked fire truck. No damage was reported.

○A car stereo was among the \$300 worth of property stolen from a '99 Honda Civic on Kerr Ave.

○The owner of a '98 Civic on Highland at Cowper reported his car window smashed and a Kenwood stereo gone.

○An unlocked '99 Mazda pick-up that was left unlocked on Wellesley was stolen and later recovered by police.

○A Lenox Rd. resident reported a total of \$3,900 worth of property including a desktop computer, a laptop computer and a Palm Pilot stolen from his house after a break-in through a basement window.

○Police responded to report of a skateboarder on picnic tables at Kensington Park. The punk fled the scene before police arrived.

○A hit and run driver left a deer badly injured on Arlington Avenue. Police shot the deer, which was unarmed.

○A resident on Rugby Ave. reported hearing footsteps on her roof at 2:30 a.m. Police inspected and found not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

○Kensington police assisted El Cerrito police in an incident involving more than 20 youths running through residential properties. Police arrested three of the youths for attempted theft.

○Kensington and El Cerrito police arrested two men for theft of mail from home mailboxes in Kensington and Albany. The two followed a postal carrier making deliveries.

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ORDINANCE: Question remains about how Kensington will pay to implement

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vides a mechanism for controlling the bulk and size of projects that are inappropriate for their lot or neighborhoods.

It would, however, only trigger a review process and not necessarily prohibit a project from moving forward.

Currently the projects that are subjected to review are ones on parcels less than 6,000 square feet or narrower than 60 feet and fall under the existing small lot ordinance.

But opponents of the new ordinance said that the current small lot ordinance already would require reviews for projects at 70 percent of Kensington homes and note the law today requires owners to minimize the impact on neighbors.

"There is a review process in place that is as extensive and as tough as any other community around here," said Bart Jones, a Kensington-based architect. "You should understand that its not wide open today. This is not going to cure our ills."

But Kensington Municipal Advisory Council president Jim Carman, who helped draft the proposed ordinance, said the law as it stands does not provide adequate protection to homeowners.

"Our experience has been that the small lot ordinance doesn't do what we want it to do," he said.

If all goes as expected, the supervisor will send a survey out to Kensington

residents this summer asking them to comment on specifics of the ordinance once it is revised. A public forum is expected to be held before the surveys are due back to answer questions people have and allow for public debate.

Proponents believe the ordinance could pass this Fall, but under law it will require an environmental review and an amendment to Contra Costa County's general plan before it can take effect.

While that can all happen before the end of the first quarter of 2004, the one question that remains is how Kensington will fund the \$27,000 needed to pay for it. Carman said the county could pick up about \$7,000 of the tab, but that residents would have to come up with the balance.

Though a one-time assessment of about \$15 per parcel in Kensington could wind up on the ballot, the cost of putting it there would be between \$6,000 and \$12,000.



Jim Carman

"The thought of putting it on the ballot seems ludicrous when the cost to do so is relatively so high," said Carman, who said community groups may be asked to pony up the money or they will have to have a fund raising drive. "It's not resolved."

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